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HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL.....\$7,500,000
RESERVE FUND.....\$4,500,000
RESERVE FOR EQUALIZATION OF DIVIDENDS.....\$ 500,000
RESERVE LIABILITY OF PRO-FITORS.....\$7,500,000

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INTEREST ALLOWED.
On Current Deposit Account at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

On Fixed Deposits—
For 3 months, 3 per cent. per annum.
" 6 " " 4 per cent. " "
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JOHN WALTER,
Acting Chief Manager.
Hongkong, June 11, 1886. 947

NOTICE.

RULES OF THE HONGKONG SAVINGS BANK.

1.—The business of the above Bank will be conducted by the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, on their premises in Hongkong. Business hours on week-days, 10 to 3; Saturdays, 10 to 1.

2.—Sums less than \$1, or more than \$250 at one time will not be received. No depositor may deposit more than \$2,500 in any one year.

3.—Deposits in the Savings' Bank having \$100 or more at their credit may be at their option transferred to the same to the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation on fixed deposit for 12 months at 5 per cent. per annum interest.

4.—Interest at the rate of 34 per cent. per annum will be allowed to depositors on their daily balances.

5.—Each Depositor will be supplied gratis with a Pass-Book which must be presented with each payment or withdrawal. Depositors must not make any entries themselves in their Pass-Books but should send them to be written up at least twice a year, about the beginning of January and beginning of July.

6.—Correspondence as to the business of the Bank if marked On Hongkong Savings' Book is forwarded free by the various British Post Offices in Hongkong and China.

7.—Withdrawals may be made on demand, but the personal attendance of the depositor or his duly appointed agent, and the production of his Pass-Book are necessary.

For the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION, JOHN WALTER, Acting Chief Manager. Hongkong, June 7, 1886. 744

THE NEW ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION, LIMITED.

AUTHORIZED CAPITAL.....\$2,000,000
PAID-UP.....\$ 500,000

REGISTERED OFFICE,
40, THREEDWEEDE STREET, LONDON.

BRANCHES.
In India, China, Japan and the Colonies.

THE BANK requires Money on Deposit, to buy and sell Bills of Exchange, issues Letters of Credit, forwards Bills for Collection, and transacts Banking and Agency Business generally on terms to be had on application.

Interest allowed on Deposits—

Fixed for 12 months, 5 per cent. per annum.

" 6 " " 4 " "

" 3 " " 3 " "

On Current Deposit Accounts 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

APPROVED CLAIMS on the Oriental Bank Corporation, in Liquidation, or the Balances of such Claims purchased on advantageous terms.

Agency of THE NATIONAL LIFE INSURANCE SOCIETY.

H. A. HERRBERT,
Manager,
Hongkong Branch.

Hongkong, May 31, 1886. 1048

Intimations.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Ordinary Half-Yearly MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS in this CORPORATION will be held at the CITY HALL, Hongkong, on SATURDAY, the 23rd day of August current, at 12 o'clock, Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Court of Directors, together with a Statement of Accounts to 30th June, 1886.

By Order of the Court of Directors,
JOHN WALTER,
Acting Chief Manager.

Hongkong, August 4, 1886. 1407

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE is hereby given that the REGISTERS of SHARES of the CORPORATION will be CLOSED from the 1st to the 28th day August current (both days inclusive), during which period no Transfer of Shares can be registered.

By Order of the Court of Directors,
JOHN WALTER,
Acting Chief Manager.

Hongkong, August 4, 1886. 1408

HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE Ordinary Half-Yearly MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held in the Offices of the Company, No. 14, Praya Central, on MONDAY, the 30th August, at 3 p.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors, and a Statement of Accounts to 30th June, 1886.

The Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 1st to 30th August, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
DAVID GILLIES,
Secretary.

Hongkong, August 10, 1886. 1539

CHINA TRADERS' INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE Twentieth Ordinary MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company will be held at the HEAD OFFICE, Victoria, Hongkong, on MONDAY, the 30th instant, at 4 o'clock p.m., for the purpose of presenting the Report of the Directors, and Statement of Accounts to 30th April, and of declaring Dividends.

The Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 17th to 30th instant, both days inclusive.

By Order,
W. H. RAY,
Secretary.

Hongkong, August 7, 1886. 1524

NOTICE.

HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE.

SHIPMasters and ENGINEERS are respectfully informed that, if upon their arrival in this Harbour, NONE of the Company's FOREMEN should be at hand, Orders for REPAIRS if sent to the HEAD OFFICE, No. 14, Praya Central, will receive prompt attention.

In the Event of Complaints being found necessary, Communication with the Under-signed is requested, when immediate steps will be taken to rectify the cause of dissatisfaction.

D. GILLIES,
Secretary.

Hongkong, August 25, 1886. 1458

NOTICE.

THE HONGKONG HOTEL COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE CERTIFICATE of 10 SHARES in this Company, Nos. 1274, 1275 and 240, 247, are on the Register in the names of Messrs. G. R. STEVENS and H. G. JAMES, having been LOST, Notice is hereby given that a NEW CERTIFICATE for the said 10 SHARES will be issued a fortnight hence, and that the ORIGINAL CERTIFICATE unless produced within that period, will thereafter be held by the Company as null and void.

LOUIS HAUSCHILD,
Secretary.

Dated 16th August, 1886. 1573

CHAS. J. GAUPP & Co.

Chronometer, Watch & Clock Makers, Jewellers, Gold & Silversmiths.

NAUTICAL, SCIENTIFIC AND METEOROLOGICAL INSTRUMENTS.

VOGLANDER'S CELEBRATED BINOCULARS and TELESCOPES.

BRITISH & OTHER COMPASSES, ADMIRALTY & IMRAY CHARTS, NAUTICAL BOOKS.

ENGLISH & ELECTRO-PLATEDWARE.

CHRISTOFLE & Co.'S ELECTRO-PLATEDWARE.

GOLD & SILVER JEWELLERY, in great variety.

D. I. A. M. O. N. D. S.

A Splendid Collection of the Latest LONDON PATTERNS, at very moderate prices. 742

THE HONGKONG AND KOWLOON WHARF, GODOWN AND CARGO-BOAT COMPANY.

THE Company will receive STEAMERS and SAILING VESSELS alongside their Wharves at Kowloon, and Land, Re-ship, and/or Store GENERAL CARGO, SILK, OPUM, COTTON, GRAIN or MERCHANTS in First-Class Granite Godowns at cheap rates. Also COALS in specially constructed Sheds.

For the convenience of Commanders and Storers the Company's Launch Hongkong will convey to and fro those interested Free of CHARGE, starting from the Pedder's Wharf every hour from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m., and from the Wharf at Kowloon at the half-hour.

Interest allowed on Deposits—

Fixed for 12 months, 5 per cent. per annum.

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Agency of THE NATIONAL LIFE INSURANCE SOCIETY.

H. A. HERRBERT,

Manager,

Hongkong Branch.

Hongkong, February 17, 1886. 331

Business Notices.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.

HAVE JUST LANDED

A FRESH SUPPLY OF

H. CLAUSEN & SON'S CHAMPAGNE LAGER BEER,

Bottled by

THE PHENIX BOTTLING CO.

NOTICE!

To have this BEER in Finest Condition keep it cold, but avoid direct contact with ice.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.

Hongkong, August 9, 1886. 1532

W. POWELL & Co.

NEW GOODS THIS WEEK.

TRIMMED and UNTRIMMED HATS, FLOWERS and FEATHERS, LACES and RIBBONS.

NON'S VELVETS—new colours, JERSEY CREPE—new material, STRIPE FABRIC, COSTUME CLOTHES, BLACK CARMIMES and PAHAMATTS, LACE CURTAINS, NEW BRACELET FRINGES.

INDIA LONG CLOTHES, WHITE and CREAM SATIN for BRIDAL COUTURE.

BRIDAL FLOWERS and NETS, BEADS and FANCY HAT ORNAMENTS, SWING SILK and TWISTS of every shade, NEW BUTTONS, An entirely New Stock of HANEDASHERY, ATKINSON'S SCENT.

W. POWELL & Co.

HONGKONG EXCHANGE, July 22, 1886.

ROBERT LANG & Co., Tailors, Hatters, Shirtmakers & General Outfitters, QUEEN'S ROAD (OPPOSITE HONGKONG HOTEL).

CLEARANCE SALE

FOR ONE MONTH, DURING ALTERATION AND EXTENSION OF PREMISES.

TO Prepare for the arrival of FRESH SHIPMENTS, we offer as an inducement to our Customers, a Discount of TEN PER CENT.

ON ALL

CASUAL SALES,

From the present date to 15th September.

Hongkong, August 14, 1886. 1506

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For Sale.

MACEWEN, FRICKEL & Co.
VICTORIA EXCHANGE,
QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL.

HAVE FOR SALE
THE FOLLOWING
STORES.

EX AMERICAN MAIL STEAMER.

Smoked HAMS.
Golden SYRUP in Gallon Tins.
Assorted SYRUPS.
Cutting's Table FRUITS.
ASPARAGUS.

Queen OLIVES.
Sausage MEAT.
CAVIAR.

Potted MEATS.
MACKEREL in 6lb Tins.
Eagle Brand MILK.
Lamb's TONGUES.

Green CORN.
Baked BEANS.
BRAUN.

A LARGE ASSORTMENT
of

COOKING AND PARLOUR
STOVES.

AGATE IRON, WARE COOKING
UTENSILS.
WOFFLE IRONS.
CHARCOAL IRONS.
KEROSENE LAMPS.
NONPAREIL KEROSENE OIL.

WINES, &c.

SPARKLING SAUMUR, Pts. & Qts. @ \$11 and \$12.

CUP CHAMPAGNE, Pts. & Qts. @ \$12 and \$14.

SACCOFF'S SHERRY.

ROYAL GLENDEFER WHISKY.

JAMESON'S WHISKY.

OLD BOURBON WHISKY.

HERING'S CHERRY CORDIAL.

ASSORTED LIQUEURS.

DRAGHTON, ALE and PORTER.

&c., &c., &c.

THE USUAL ASSORTMENT
of

OILMAN'S STORES,
at the
Lowest Possible Prices
FOR CASH.

MacEWEN, FRICKEL & Co.

Hongkong, July 1, 1886. 1268

INSURANCES.

NORTH BRITISH & MERCANTILE
INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE Undersigned, Agents of the above
Company, are authorized to insure
against FIRE at Current Rates.

GILMAN & Co.

Hongkong, January 1, 1882. 14

THE STRAIT INSURANCE COM-
PANY, LIMITED.

THE Undersigned having been appointed
Agents for the above Company are
prepared to grant Policies on MARINE
RISKS to all parts of the World, at current
rates.

ARNHOLD, KARBERG & Co.

Hongkong, November 5, 1883. 855

Not Responsible for Debts.

Neither the Captain, the Agents, nor
Owners will be Responsible for
any Debt contracted by the Officers or
Crew of the following Vessels, during
their stay in Hongkong Harbour:—

ALEX. MCNEIL, American ship, Capt. G.
W. David.—Messengers Maritimes.

ANNIE H. SMITH, American ship, Capt.
R. B. Brown.—Arnhold, Karberg & Co.

ARRAVON AFAR, British steamer, Capt.
MacAvish.—David Sassoon, Sons & Co.

BASH J. H. BOWERS, American barque, Capt.
John A. Plum.—Chinco.

GALATEA, British ship, Captain William
Colville.—Borneo Co., Ltd.

GANDER, American ship, Captain T. H.
Evans.—Melchers & Co.

HARVESTER, American ship, Captain Wm.
Taylor.—Order.

J. D. PEERS, American ship, Capt. G.
A. Lane.—Messengers Maritimes.

MOUNT LEBANON, Amer. barque, Capt.
Class H. Nelson.—Arnhold, Karberg & Co.

REVOLVING LIGHT, British ship, Capt. J.
A. Durkee.—Messengers Maritimes.

SURE, British steamer, Captain Dodd.—
Gibb, Livingston & Co.

To-day's Advertisements.

THE HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE
COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given, that an EX-
TRAORDINARY General MEET-
ING of the above-named Company will be
held at the Registered Office of the
Company, Pudding's Street, Victoria, in the
Colon of Hongkong, on MONDAY, the
20th day of September, 1886, at Noon,
when the abjoined Resolution will be pro-
posed.

Should the Resolution be passed by the
required majority it will be submitted for
Confirmation as a Special Resolution to a
Second Extraordinary General Meeting,
which will be subsequently convened.

RESOLUTION.

That Article No. 17 in the Articles of
Association be altered by eliminating
therefrom, the figures \$100,000,
where they appear twice therein and
substituting for such figures, the
sum of \$150,000.

JARDINE, MATTHESON & Co.,
General Managers.

Dated 27th August, 1886. 1644

To-day's Advertisements.

FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG AND
CALCUTTA.

The Steamship
Arratoon Apear,
Capt. A. B. MACAVISH,

will be despatched for the
above Ports on THURSDAY, the 2nd

September, at 3 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
DAVID SASSOON, SONS & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, August 27, 1886. 1643

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG AND
SINGAPORE.

THE S.S. Arratoon Apear having arrived
from the above Ports, Consigned
of Cargo are hereby requested to send in
their Bills of Lading to the Undersigned
for countersignature, and to take immediate
delivery of their Goods from alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge will be at
once landed and stored at Consignee's risk
and expense, and no Fire Insurance will be
effected.

Consignees are hereby informed that all
Claims must be made immediately, as none
will be entertained after the 31st instant.

DAVID SASSOON, SONS & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, August 27, 1886. 1645

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.

August 27, 1886.—

Arratoon Apear, British steamer, 1,392,
A. B. MacAvish, Calcutta August 11, Pen-
ang 18, and Singapore 21, Opium, Cotton,
Salt-petre, Rice & General.—DAVID SASSOON,
Sons & Co.

Luphates, British str., 1,300, J. Edwards,
Saigon August 22, Rice and Paddy.—RUS-
SELL & Co.

Actis, Danish steamer, 268, N. C. Reva-
beck, Haiphong August 25, General.—
ARNHOLD, Karberg & Co.

Kut Sang, British steamer, from Whampoa.

Gerda, German steamer, from Whampoa.
Glenartney, British steamer, 1,400, Mac-
Kinlay, Aug 18, Tea.—JADES, MATTHESON &
CO.

Belje, British steamer, 4,212, Walker,
San Francisco July 31, and Yokohama Aug.
21, Mails and General.—O. & O. S. S. Co.

DEPARTURES.

August 27.—

Brindisi, for Shanghai.

Nanhai, for Swatow.

Gerry, for Choochoo.

Lorne, for Swatow.

Auton, for Hoilow and Pakhoi.

CLEARED.

Galveston, for Saigon.

Melita, for Haiphong.

Cassandra, for Singapore and Hamburg.

Celebes, for Saigon, Singapore and Batavia.

PASSENGERS.

Arrived.

Per Arratoon Apear from Calcutta, &c.,
Mr. J. W. Brown, Miss de Snidt, and
Miss C. H. C. Brown, Miss de Snidt, and
Miss C. H. C. Brown.

Per Luphates, from Saigon, 20 Chinese.

Per Arratoon Apear, 245 Chinese.

Per Gerda, from Saigon, 50 Chinese.

Per Cassandra, for Singapore, 12 Chinese.

Per Celebes, for Saigon, &c., Professor
Anderson, wife and servant and 50 Chinese.

To Depart.

Per Tidore, from Hongkong for Japan,
Messrs Dutcher and Siemssen.

Per Tidore, from Hongkong for Japan,
Messrs Dutcher and Siemssen.

Per Gerda, for Choochoo, 19 Chinese.

Per Lorne, for Swatow, 450 Chinese.

Per Auton, for Hoilow, 50 Chinese.

SHIPPING REPORTS.

The American ship Harvester reports:

Left Newcastle June 18th at 11 a.m. From
there to lat. 7° S. fresh to moderate

weather to lat. 7° S. fresh to moderate

Before bringing before the Executive Council the resolution proposed yesterday by the Finance Committee, which resolution involves the serious question whether the practice of many years past is to be now suddenly changed, I wish that question to be considered at a full meeting of the Finance Committee, as I am afraid that the resolution is far from expressing the views of the majority of the Members. I request the Finance Committee therefore to meet again on Tuesday next, the 26th instant, at 4 p.m., when I trust that all the Members will find it convenient to attend, and will consider the proposition made by the Honourable A. P. McEwen or any other that may be made in the meanwhile.—Government House, Hongkong, 16th July, 1886.

The minutes of the last Meeting, held on the 15th instant, are read and confirmed (1). Read the following Despatches in connection with the first formation of this Colony's Finance Committee:—

C. O. Despatch, No. 5, of 8th January, 1870.

Governor's Despatch, No. 48, of 1st August, 1872.

C. O. Despatch, No. 145, of 8th October, 1872.

Read also extract from Governor's Speech of 19th October, 1872, and extract from Secretary of State's Despatch, No. 42, of 8th May, 1873.

Read also the following Minute by His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government:—

W. H. MASH.

I thank the Honourable Member who made the motion in Finance Committee on the 15th instant, that its meetings should be held with open doors, has mistaken the object of the Finance Committee.

The object of the Finance Committee, as also of the Committees of Law and of Public Works, is as stated in the opening Speech of Sir George Bowen, on 23rd February, 1884, "to examine, in the first instance, the details of every proposed vote and measure." It is with the view of saving much valuable time in Council that these Committees were appointed here, as in other Crown Colonies. They perform precisely the same function that Board Committees do for Banks and Public Companies, and are, as far as my knowledge extends, never held in public. In Mauritius, from which Colony the practice was first borrowed as far back as 1872 by Hongkong, the system has worked admirably for over thirty years, and the meetings are never held with open doors.

In one point, however, the practice in Mauritius differs from that of Hongkong, and I have long thought that the Mauritius practice might be introduced here. The draft minutes of the Finance Committee are therefor circulated for revision by the different members, or, in important cases, are revised at a special meeting held for the purpose. The minutes are then read at the next meeting of Council, and on the motion for their adoption, any Member may discuss them, and they may be rejected, as I have seen done in Mauritius.

4. One very important reason why the Finance Committee meetings should not be public is that the Government would be wholly precluded in that case from communicating information of a confidential nature. As a rule, most of the Secretary of State's Despatches containing instructions can be communicated, when necessary, confidentially to the Finance Committee; though the Governor cannot publish them by laying them before the public without reporters are present (See Col. Reg. 1884).

Sir John Pope Hennessy informed the Council on 1873 that he was considering whether or not he should allow reporters to attend at future meetings of the Finance Committee, but the Secretary of State, to whom he referred the question, thought it undesirable that the practice of the Finance Committee should be altered.

5. It must be evident to Honourable Members that, if Sir John Pope Hennessy did not feel justified in making the innovation which he recommended, without previously asking for the sanction of the Secretary of State, I cannot take upon myself that responsibility, especially when the Secretary of State did not approve of the recommendation of Sir John Pope Hennessy. There is therefore no advantage to be gained by convening a special meeting of the Legislative Council, since the resolution, if passed, must be referred home. The motion can be made, if the Honourable Members still think it desirable, at the next meeting of Council, which must be held in the early part of September, if not before to discuss the Estimates, and if carried, I will forward it to the Secretary of State at once.

7. If the public are to be admitted to meetings of the Finance Committee, the reason of such Committees seems to me to disappear, and all votes for money might as well be discussed in Council, without the preliminary examination of details, which has hitherto proved so convenient both in this and in other Crown Colonies."

8. I cannot help thinking that the Honourable Member who proposed this resolution must have been under the impression, at the time, that the functions of the Finance Committee were more important and more conclusive than they really are.

I assure Honourable Members that it is my wish that the fullest information should be given by the Government in all matters connected with the expenditure of public money, and that I shall at all times be ready to entertain any suggestions that are of undoubted advantage, and that I feel that I am authorized in acceding to.

Government House, Hongkong, 17th July, 1886.

Considerable discussion ensues, when the Acting Attorney General proposes and Mr McEwen seconds, the following resolution:—

"That this Committee, having heard read certain Despatches and the explanations of the 15th instant, to resolve the Meeting of the Committee carried on as heretofore, until the question of admitting the public to the meetings be considered at the first meeting of the Legislative Council."

CARRIED unanimously.

Hon. A. P. McEwen, speaking with reference to a vote of £500 to Mr Hillier proposed by the Finance Committee, said the Colonial Secretary would recall that he made a few remarks on the subject in Committee. He wished in the Council now or on a future occasion to bring forward a resolution on that subject.

His Excellency.—You must give notice of resolution.

Hon. Mr McEwen.—I beg to give notice for next meeting of Council.

THE LAW COMMITTEE.

Hon. Mr McEwen asked, How many sittings of the Law Committee have taken place since the Committee was formed in 1883?

The Acting Attorney General said—In answer to that I can state as follows:—I have been informed that Mr O'Malley called the Law Committee together on four occasions, which I would call four formal meetings, but besides these there were several informal meetings. At those meetings the Clerk of the Council was not required to attend and he did not attend. There have

therefore been no minutes or records of these informal meetings kept. It is impossible now to say how many of these informal meetings were held. Since I have been Acting Attorney General I have not called the committee together. Besides the ordinances I introduced which had passed the Law Revision Committee, the principal measures introduced by me have been the: Bills of Sales Ordinance, the Peace Preservation Ordinance, and the Reformatory School Ordinance. I was of opinion that there was nothing in these ordinances which required them to be discussed in the Law Committee, before being considered in Committee of the whole Council, and therefore I have not called meetings.

Hon. Mr Ryrie.—Have you any record of those meetings? Who were present and who were not?

Hon. Mr Sackson said that during Mr O'Malley's time he had been very often invited, and nearly all the bills brought forward in the Council were discussed in Committee.

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The object of the Finance Committee, as also of the Committees of Law and of Public Works, is as stated in the opening Speech of Sir George Bowen, on 23rd February, 1884, "to examine, in the first instance, the details of every proposed vote and measure."

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In one point, however, the practice in Mauritius differs from that of Hongkong, and I have long thought that the Mauritius practice might be introduced here. The draft minutes of the Finance Committee are therefor circulated for revision by the different members, or, in important cases, are revised at a special meeting held for the purpose. The minutes are then read at the next meeting of Council, and on the motion for their adoption, any Member may discuss them, and they may be rejected, as I have seen done in Mauritius.

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PORT SAID.MEDITERRANEAN AND BLACK
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BORDEAUX, LE HAVRE, DUNKIRK,
LONDON AND ANTWERP.

THE Wah Tsai Po was Established in connection with the China Mail over ten years ago. The Business has hitherto been leased to Chinese. Since 1881 it has been leased to Mr. TAN YIK KU, and the Lease will expire on the 1st of SEPTEMBER of this year, after which the China Mail will take over the Business, and Lease it to Mr. HO CHUNG SHANG under the same conditions as heretofore, but the Staff will be now a learned and famous Scholar and specially chosen engaged to take the position of Editor, and new arrangements will be made so as to secure a great improvement upon what the paper was before.

GENTLEMEN who have for years been subscribing to this paper may rest assured that the paper will come to them without interruption and need make no change in regard to it. Referring to the Accounts with this Office for the insertion of Notices and for Subscriptions to the Paper, &c., all Debts due to him up to the 1st of SEPTEMBER will be collected by the Old Lessor Mr. TAN YIK KU; and after the 1st of SEPTEMBER, they will be collected by the New Lessor Mr. HO CHUNG SHANG. This is the usual practice in such cases, and Subscribers are earnestly requested to take the necessary note of the Change of Lessor so as to avoid any mistake in payment.

There has hitherto been—only one Wah Tsai Po, the Office of which situated at No. 3, Wyndham Street, and it has to Branch Office in any other place.

On the 17th of June, Mr. TAN YIK KU issued a Notice in an Extra saying:—The Lease of this Office will soon expire and a good day will be chosen to remove to some other place, and when this Business is opened in the new house, the name will be changed, and it will be styled Wah Tsai Po, &c., &c. This statement is ambiguous, but it is evident that the intention is to imitate the name of this office, and indeed thereby it may only mislead the reader. Now as Mr. TAN YIK KU is a Lessor, he may extend the terms of his lease has expired, but it is impossible for him to say the lease of this office will soon expire, for the statement of Mr. TAN YIK KU's statement will be, 'The Lease of the House occupied by this Office will soon expire, and consequently, it will be removed to another house.' And besides, he says 'the name of this Office will be changed and it will be styled Wah Tsai Po.' From enigmatic language like this it requires a clear-sighted man to find out the truth. It seems like an attempt to pass off a fish's eye for a pearl.

Now to tell the truth, The Wah Tsai Po is a NEW ESTABLISHMENT of Mr. TAN YIK KU, and has no connection whatever with the Wah Tsai Po; and hereafter Mr. TAN YIK KU has nothing to do with this Office at all, and Gentlemen are requested to distinguish this Office from his Establishment.

The types of this Office have been in use for some years, and it is now arranged that the Management of the Business is handed over to the NEW Lessor, New Types will be supplied and will be ready in a short time. The New Editor of this Paper has already elsewhere given great satisfaction in a similar position to all concerned; and a New Types will be made. The Paper will be ten times more legible. It is hoped that Subscribers will kindly keep up their subscriptions, and that Scholars and Merchants will all kindly put their Notices in the paper. This Office under its New Management looks to them for their Patronage, and Support; and in Order to secure the same this statement is published.

HO CHUNG SHANG,
NEW LESSEES,
Chinese Mail.

NOTICE.

IN connection with the above Statement, I beg to inform the Supporters of the Chinese Mail and the Public generally that I have leased that Newspaper to Mr. HO CHUNG SHANG, from the 1st of SEPTEMBER next; and that the Lease of Business now held by Mr. TAN YIK KU expires on the 31st AUGUST PREVIOUS.

GEO. MURRAY BAIN,
PROPRIETOR,
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Hongkong, August 2, 1886. 1484

SUMMER TIME TABLE

THE KOWLOON FERRY.

STEAM LAUNCH
MORNING STARRUNS DAILY AS A FERRY BOAT between
Pedder's Wharf and Tsim-Tsui-Tau at the
following hours:—This Time Table will
take effect from the 15th APRIL, 1886.

WEEK DAYS. SUNDAYS.

Leaves 7 a.m. Leaves 9 a.m. Leaves 11 a.m.

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